

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
 C&O CANAL SURVEY

Inventory No. ~~AL-I-078~~

1. Name of Property

historic name Larkin Property

other names _____

2. Location

street & number Maryland Route 51 not for publication _____
 city or town Old Town vicinity X
 state Maryland code MD county Allegany code 001
 zip code 21555

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

National Capital Region, National Park Service

C&O Canal National Historic ParkP.O. Box 4; Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782Contact Name Superintendent, Thomas Hobbs: (301) 739-4200

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
 _____ district
 _____ site
 _____ structure
 _____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

_____	<u>3</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

Does this building contribute to the architectural and/or historic character of the C&O Canal? Explain under Section 8.

Yes _____

No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture

Sub: Agricultural

Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Agriculture

Sub: Agricultural

Outbuilding

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No style

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete

roof Metal

walls Wood

other Wood

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 1-2

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

_____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

_____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

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- ___ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ___ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ___ B removed from its original location.
- ___ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ___ D a cemetery.
- ___ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ___ F a commemorative property.
- ___ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance _____

Significant Dates _____

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

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Architect/Builder _____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 2

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Thomas F. Hahn, The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital, Metuchen, NJ: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 1984.

Allegany County, MD, Land Records, located at County Court House, Cumberland, MD.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 56.01

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.) The property straddles Maryland Route 51 just before it crosses the Potomac River into West Virginia. The north, east, and south boundaries are defined by the Potomac River and the western edge of the property is adjacent to the C&O Canal and the Western Maryland Railroad right of way. It is located at milepost 156.45 of the C&O Canal.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.) Based on the boundaries of the tract, number 83-113, where the barn and other outbuildings are located.

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11. Form Prepared By

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county and state

7. Description

The Larkin property is located on a sloping field adjacent to the C&O Canal on the towpath side at milepost 156.45. In 1973 the improvements on the property included a two story frame farm dwelling, a frame bank barn, miscellaneous outbuildings associated with the farm, two one story frame cottages located along the farm lane, and a one story frame dwelling located along the edge of Maryland Route 51 by the general store. All that remains of these structures are the bank barn and two miscellaneous outbuildings. A map showing the location of each structure is not available.

The two story frame dwelling dated from circa 1910s and was destroyed by a fire in 1976. It measured 34'6" by 24' with a one story section attached that measured 12'6' by 24'. Another one story section measuring 6' by 12'6" was attached to the west side. There was a full basement with a concrete foundation under the two story section of the house. The house had a metal hipped roof and frame double hung windows.

The first floor of the dwelling was divided into four rooms and a bathroom and the second floor was divided into four bedrooms each with a small closet. The interior walls were plaster and lath. The flooring on the first floor was oak and on the second floor yellow pine.

The one story cottage located along Maryland Route 51 was a rental dwelling and was built circa. 1950s. During a survey in 1992 it could not be located. It measured 36'6" by 25 feet with an attached open porch measuring 7' by 20'6". It had a gable roof covered with rolled metal. The exterior of the cottage was covered with insul-brick siding. The windows were frame double hung.

The interior of the cottage was divided into five rooms- a kitchen, living room, dining room, and two bedrooms. The interior walls were plasterboard except for two rooms which had tongue and groove painted wood ceilings. The floors were yellow pine.

The two story bank barn, dating from circa 1920s, is still located

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on the property. It measures 60' by 40' with a concrete foundation and a gable roof covered with metal. The barn is constructed of board and batten wood siding. The front of the barn has a pole shelter addition that measures 11' by 60'. At the rear of the barn the second story is at grade. There is one large door in the center of the facade. The lower section of the barn has a concrete floor and is used as a loafing area for cattle.

The two remaining outbuildings on the property are a machine shed and a pole shed. The metal shed measures 16'6" by 41' and is located on the southern edge of the property on a hill overlooking the canal. The shed has a wooden frame with a gabled roof and galvanized sheet metal walls and roof. There is no foundation and the interior floor is dirt. The pole shed is a five bay post and beam shed and is located on the eastern edge of the property on a hill overlooking the Potomac.. The front is open and the other walls have wood siding. Some repairs have been made with metal siding. The roof is metal.

There is a road near the curve of the Potomac River that leads from the property to the towpath of the C&O Canal.

The property and buildings are currently used for cattle grazing under a special use permit with the National Park Service.

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While the Larkin property was not directly associated with the C&O Canal, it existed along side the canal activities and may have been indirectly related to the daily functions of the canal. As the boats traveled along the canal the captains, their families, and the crew members would have seen the Larkin property as part of the landscape surrounding the canal. While the canal boats would not have paid regular visits to the farm, they might have stopped occasionally to purchase supplies. Thomas F. Hahn in The Chesapeake & Ohio Canal: Pathway to the Nation's Capital illustrated that due to the small storage space and lack of refrigeration on the canal boats the captains often purchased supplies at lockhouses or farmhouses. If the road the travels from

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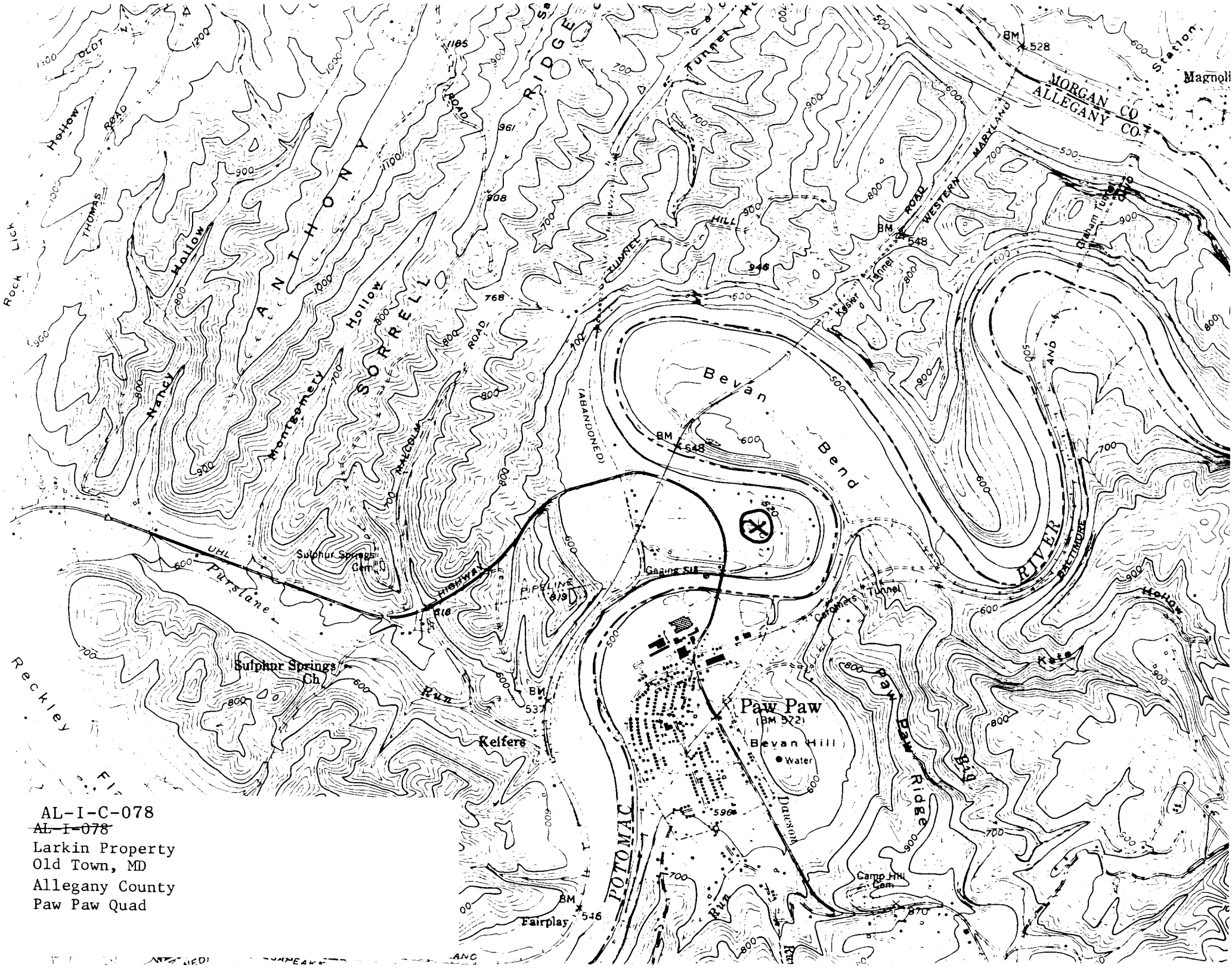
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8. Statement of Significance, cont

the Larkin Property down to the towpath existed when the canal operated it would have provided a connection between those traveling along the canal and the farmers.

Little is known about the Larkin property other than the information revealed in the property deeds. When the canal construction passed by the property and the canal began operation from Cumberland, MD, to Georgetown in Washington, DC, in 1850 there are no records of anyone owning the property. The first deed was recorded in April 1884 when Martha Edwards sold 100 acres to William McKaig. McKaig sold the property to Minta M. Hesser in November 1904. Hesser continued to own the property as long as the C&O Canal operated.



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BARN - BENEATH OVERHANG OF EAST ELEVATION

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SHED - LOOKING SOUTH

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POLE SHED - LOOKING NORTHWEST

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